

**City of Franklin Common Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 18, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Robert Henderson, Stephen Hougland, and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Kristi Bruther, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the August 4, 2014 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Old Business**

There was no old business presented.

Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Henderson, made a motion to move the items listed under Other Business, Economic Development Fees and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute 2014 Operation Pullover Grant, to next on the agenda before New Business. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Other Business**

Economic Development Fees - Recommendation from Economic Development Commission to City Council - Community Development Director Linke appeared before the Council to present a recommendation from the Economic Development Commission (EDC) regarding the distribution of economic development fees. The recommendation of the EDC is to award the Franklin Education Connection \$3,000 and divide the remaining amount among the four remaining agencies; Chamber of Commerce, Discover Downtown Franklin (DDF), Franklin Heritage Inc. (FHI), and Franklin Development Corporation (FDC) in an amount of approximately \$7,500 to each agency. She explained that fees are received twice a year with the county tax payments. A discussion was held. Councilor Austin, seconded by Councilor Abban made a motion to approve

the recommendation of the EDC for the distribution of economic development fees as presented. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Indiana Criminal Justice Institute 2014 Operation Pullover Grant – Franklin Police Detective Scott Carter appeared before the Council to request permission to apply for the Criminal Justice Institute 2014 Operation Pullover Grant. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the request to apply for the 2014 Operation Pullover Grant, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **New Business**

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all new business by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

#### **Introduction(s)**

Common Council Ordinance No.: 14-12 Approving the Recommendation of the Board of Public Works and Safety to Change the Vacation Policy effective January 1, 2015 - Mayor McGuinness read Ordinance 14-12 by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander explained that the proposed ordinance is based on a recommendation from the Board of Public Works and Safety to change the vacation accrual policy based on hire date (anniversary year) rather than the calendar year. A discussion was held. The matter will be set for public hearing at the next meeting, September 15, 2014.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-10 A City of Franklin Indiana Budgetary Ordinance Fixing and Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees for Year 2015 (Civil City) - Mayor McGuinness read Budgetary Ordinance 14-10 aloud by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander identified an error on the ordinance and requested that the line item for Street Heavy Equipment Operator \$41,000.00 / \$1,576.92 \*\* be removed and replaced with Street Maintenance Worker \$33,642.50/1,293.94 \*\*. A discussion was held. Councilor Wertz suggested that the City adopt a policy to pay appointed board members per meeting rather than a set amount quarterly. A discussion concerning the lack of compensation of RDC members was held and some council members asked City Attorney Gray to review Indiana Code concerning the legality of compensation for RDC members. Councilor Abban suggested that the salary for the Community Development Director be increased another six percent. A discussion was held. This matter will be set for public hearing at the next regular meeting September 15, 2014.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-11 A City Of Franklin Indiana Budgetary Ordinance Fixing And Authorizing The Payment Of Certain Salaries Of Appointed Officers And Employees Of The City Of Franklin, Indiana For Year 2015 (Sewer Utility) -Mayor McGuinness read Budgetary Ordinance 14-11 aloud by title only. There was no discussion. This matter will be set for public hearing at the next regular meeting September 15, 2014.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-12 of the City of Franklin, Indiana A Budgetary Ordinance Fixing The Annual Salaries And Providing Compensation For All Elected Officials Of The City Of Franklin, Indiana For Year 2015- Mayor McGuinness read Budgetary Ordinance 14-12 by title only. Councilor Austin commented on the salary for Board of Public Works and Safety members and recommended that the salary be increased. A discussion was held. This matter will be set for public hearing at the next regular meeting September 15, 2014.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-13 A Budgetary Appropriation & Tax Rate Ordinance for 2015 - Mayor McGuinness read Budgetary Ordinance 14-13 aloud by title only. This matter will be set for public hearing at the next regular meeting September 15, 2014.

#### Council Comments

Councilor Wertz stated that there will be a Redevelopment Commission (RDC) meeting tomorrow morning Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall.

#### Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, September 15, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 08/25/14

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Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

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Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer